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WITHIN THE WEEK

Russian Foreign Minister VIA-CHESLAV MOLOTOV said at the Paris peace conference this wk that the time has passed when European nations divide Slavic nations among themselves. There are those who are convinced he'd like to divide them among Russia.

BUDGET: With the 79th Congress no longer a topic of conversation in Washington, speculation turned this wk to that perennial problem: the budget. There still are optimists in the nation's capitol who hold that the close of our next fiscal yr, June 30, '47, will find us with a net cash balance—the 1st since '30. You may recall that Pres TRUMAN, last April, pointed to debt reduction "in boom times such as these" as fiscal policy. However, the more realistic statisticians can see little prospect of an even break, let alone a surplus this yr.

The thing that militates against a balanced budget is, of course, the very condition that keeps many individuals in hot water: we are chronically spending more than we take in. This will be a good yr; even the heralds of doom in sundry bureaucratic posts now concede as much. Production is coming along; employment is at peak (we've attained that goal of 60 million jobs, by the way); wages (and income-tax payments) are up. But, remember, this yr we have

a cut in taxes: the excess profits tax is out, and individual and corp'n rates have been reduced. This will cost about \$6 billion in revenue.

But the 2 items that really cloud our prospect of a balanced budget are the British loan—a tidy \$3,750 million consideration, and the terminal pay bill for enlisted personnel. No one knows what latter will cost, but the talk is of \$3 billion. Without considering the wisdom of either expenditure, it is obvious that when you slap that kind of money against a normal budget, something is going to sag. It's quite true that the 1st item, at least, should have gone against the '46 budget, thus increasing that deficit. But Congress didn't pass the measure in time, and it becomes a '47 obligation.

Another thing that statisticians have a happy habit of forgetting is that while assets may shrink, obligations never do. And fixed appropriations (on which all budget estimates are based) just don't stay fixed. Every congress in modern history has been called upon to make last-minute deficiency appropriations. The 79th Congress, as a matter of record, made such appropriations approximating \$5 billion. Taking that figure of \$5 billion as a random shot, it is our guess that the '47 budget deficit will total at least that sum—and maybe a good deal more.



SHIFTING SANDS

The electronic newspaper, a facsimile sheet emerging from attachment on your present radio, is definitely in the cards for early next yr. Gen'l Electric is now producing the equipment and a dozen radio stations in metropolitan centers are ready to provide service. . . With widespread licensing of employers to provide on-the-job training for vets, it was inevitable that a few phonies should develop—employers using "training" program as dodge to get cheap help. VA is beginning to weed out those not rendering real service to veteran. . . If you haven't observed trend in your town, you'll soon see reappearance of prewar merchandising aid: the good old "Clearance Sale." Two types of goods will be moved in this way: those items which are too high priced for present mkt, and the shoddy "victory models" which were stocked in desperation and have now been made obsolete by increasing deliveries of new and improved wares.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"When Sec'y Byrnes speaks for free elections in the Balkans, it would be very easy for Molotov to point out that approximately 90% of the adults—Negroes—in Byrnes' home state of S Carolina can't vote."—LOUISE EVANS, sec'y Denver Unity council, Denver, Colo. 1-Q

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"Frankly, I am much concerned that the strength of the army may be too low and I assure you that I am not alone in that opinion."—Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, pointing out that army, already stripped of much of its manpower, will be reduced to 1,070,000 July 1, '47. 2-Q

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"We have more boards and more committees discussing the fate of displaced persons than any other country in the world, but we are not taking any."—FIORELLO LA GUARDIA, dir-gen'l UNRRA, proposing U S accept 100,000 of 830,000 in Europe's displaced persons camps. 3-Q

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"My real home is music, not a locality."—GEO SZELL, conductor at Metropolitan, N Y, accepting 3-yr contract as musical director, conductor Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland, Ohio. 4-Q

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"Only an ingenious and resourceful woman with the time and energy needed for careful shopping, can still keep within the budget. Among women with jobs and those whose strength is limited, there is already a lowered standard of living."—Mrs WILMA WILCOX, Bronx, N Y Salvation Army supervisor. 5-Q

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"If I knew anything, I wouldn't tell nobody nothing, not for \$10,000 or all the money in the world. It just ain't safe."—E A CALDWELL, editor *Walton* (Ga) *News*, deplored recent Monroe, Ga lynchings. 6-Q

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"Our defense is not in armaments, nor in science, nor in going underground. Our defense is in law and order."—Prof ALBERT EINSTEIN. 7-Q

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"We have a nearly complete collection of skulls of all races. Of Jewish races, however, only a few specimens are available. . . The war in the East now presents us with an opportunity of overcoming this

"It is obvious that any dictatorship would be able to strike before the U S, where congressional approval is required for war."—Dr HOKE S GREENE, prof of chemistry, Univ of Cincinnati, pointing out that possession of great numbers of atom bomb is no guarantee of security. (2,000 properly placed A-bombs, experts believe, could destroy 80% of U S productive capacity.) 14-Q

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"We need good, strong cages—to protect the animals from the public."—FREEMAN M SHELLY, director, Philadelphia Zoological Garden (quoted in *This Wk*). 15-Q

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"What I dislike most is seeing all those young whippersnappers going about trading husbands and wives as if they were selecting clothes."—Mrs KATHRYN N LUCE, Buffalo, N Y, viewing world at 100th birthday celebration. 16-Q

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"I wish we had the money as our opponents say we have."—JACK KROLL, new director CIO's Political Action Committee, reporting state of treasury "isn't too good" for autumn elections. 17-Q

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"If there were more nudist camps there would be fewer sex crimes."—ALOIS KNAPP, pres American Sunbathing Ass'n. 18-Q

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"One hundred active, healthy and enjoyable years should become the new threshold of human life."—Rep HUGH DELACY, of Wash, introducing bill to establish Nat'l Geriatrics Institute for the study of old age diseases. 19-Q

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"A revolting mess of muscle."—FERN WHITE, Hollywood masseuse, evaluating ALAN ('Mr America') STEPHAN, Chicago, Ill. (Actress MAE WEST has different view: "Mr Absolutely Everything—the man I would like most to lean against.") 20-Q

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"It is impossible to understand the modern world without understanding America."—ILYA EHRENBURG, Russian journalist, recently ret'd from extended tour of U S. 21-Q

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"It is now quite evident that consumers are willing to purchase only limited amounts of butter at pres-



ent prices."—Dep't of Agriculture, describing recent demand for butter as "disappointing." 22-Q

"Though we don't give your shirts the 3rd degree, we do make them come clean."—Sign in window of a 6th Ave laundry in N.Y. (Quoted in *P.M.*) 23-Q

"We have always been ahead and didn't lose any ground during the war."—Mbr of Radio Industries council, mouthpiece of British radio mfrs, claiming Britain leads world in development of radio television and is only country with daily television service. 24-Q

"The average cost of living will probably go up considerably for a while."—PAUL PORTER, price administrator, in wky radio address, predicting that consumers also will have to "reckon with" higher retail prices on some other commodities, including autos. 25-Q

"I'd rather kill a woman once than be obliged to kill a man every wk."—Answer of defendant in a southern courtroom when judge asked why he killed his wife instead of her lover. (Quoted in *Parade.*) 26-Q

"As a patriot I cannot approve of such a gesture to a foreigner on behalf of the Brazilian people."—Social-Democrat JOAO HENRIQUEZ, who arose in the Constituent Assembly of Rio de Janeiro and condemned democratic union leader Dr OCTAVIO MANGABEIRA for having kissed Gen'l EISENHOWER's hand when he appeared before the Assembly recently. Senor HENRIQUEZ admitted defeat when other 319 mbrs of the House passed unanimously a resolution approving "the exceptional eloquence with which Dr MANGABEIRA interpreted the Brazilian sentiments." 27-Q

"What's wrong with coming home after having a baby? I was born in a sugar beet field and it didn't bother my mother."—Mrs MADELINE FORD, 29-yr-old mother, who recently gave birth to baby in doctor's office, went home 15 min later. 28-Q

"The guides are short-handed and they were concerned because my friend in Oregon would not arrive right away. So I said, 'Heck, I'll fill in for him.'"—Rep LOWELL

STOCKMAN, who is pinch-hitting for friend as a guide in Nat'l Capitol for 10 days. 29-Q

"Dr Robert Oppenheimer has said that the only effective instrument for detecting an atomic bomb is a screw driver. You can open up the boxes and see if one is in there."—Rear Adm PARSONS, technical director, Operations Crossroads. 30-Q

"Now I describe ball games and a lot of school teachers don't like it when I say a player slid into 2nd base. What do they want me to say—slugged?"—DIZZY DEAN, in recent CBS broadcast. 31-Q

"It's a long time since I've worn the caulked shoes, but I'm eager to demonstrate logrolling technique if . . . some of the state's other chief executives will hold down one end of the same log."—JOHN L ("Cappy") SMITH, mayor of Tomahawk, Wis, onetime logging boom city, issuing challenge to meet other Wis cities' mayors—one at a time—in logrolling contest. 32-Q

"We are being so dynamic that in some cases we are passing the same bills twice."—Rep CLARE LUCE, commenting on Congressional rush to close present session. 33-Q

"I do not think the people of Hiroshima hate America. It was the fortunes of war, and they lost."—Fr HUGO LASSALLEE, superior of all Jesuit fathers in Japan. (Fr LASALLEE sustained leg injury in Hiroshima blast.) 34-Q

"He might as well have said that postal workers' and mail carriers' wages threw the budget out of balance."—Rep CLARENCE J BROWN, Ohio, taking exception to Pres TRUMAN's action in singling out Terminal Pay appropriation "as the cause of a New Deal deficit." 35-Q

"If school is only a memory test to pupils, they will be prey to neurotic appeals and advocates of extremes."—WM ZIFF author-publisher, urging development of children's intelligence thru daily contact with celebrities residing at school for period each yr. (Romford school, Washington, Conn, is testing plan this fall.) 36-Q

"Things in Palestine will get worse before they get better."—High authority in Palestine, declaring "serious trouble" in offing regardless of steps taken by British on Jewish immigration issue. 37-Q

"It is a more quiet development than the noisy American revivals with which we are acquainted."—Religious affairs section, American military gov't, Germany, reporting that "the churches have emerged from Nazi suppression with greater strength and vitality than ever before." 38-Q

"Hole in where you are, if you possibly can. No other advice makes sense now. If you buy or build now you face the grim outlook of losing in dollar value and quantity value."—MILES COLEAN, N.Y., former Ass't Federal Housing Administrator. 39-Q

"The fighting daily grows more widespread and threatens to engulf the country and pass beyond the control of those responsible."—Gen'l GEO C MARSHALL, declaring peace mission in China is failure. 40-Q

"A good many men like to go away by themselves but women like to go where there are plenty of men."—Dep't of Commerce reporting evidence found in vacation statistics. 41-Q



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COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

The Crime of Divorce—W R INGE (World-famous Churchman, formerly Dean St Paul's Cathedral), *Evening Standard*, (London).

We sometimes hear it said that a man and a woman cannot promise always to love each other, and where there is no love it is better that the pair should separate. This is certainly not the doctrine of the Church. The marriage vow is not a declaration of physical attraction; it is a promise—the most solemn promise ever made—of lifelong fidelity.

What ought the Church to do in the face of a state of things which is becoming intolerable? I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the law should be altered. All couples should go thru the legal formalities in a register office and those who wish to be united as Christians should have the service in church or chapel.

Those who are willing to attend the religious service will be understood to have taken indissoluble vows of mutual fidelity. To break these vows will be recognised as quite as disgraceful as theft or forgery and the offenders will be properly excluded from decent society. Those who refuse the religious service will have no security that their union will be permanent. They must take their chances: some of them will be content to do so.

Ought the Church to allow the innocent party to re-marry? I think it would be cruel to refuse. . . . And I do not think we need object to divorce being allowed for cruelty, desertion and perhaps incurable insanity. But there is no surer sign of a decaying civilization than laxity in condoning marital infidelity. Monogamous marriage was not an invention of Queen Victoria, nor even of Christianity. To destroy it would be a biological rather than only a social change.

ATOMIC AGE—1

I never understood the story of Prometheus until the great bomb fell. The moral of the legend escaped me utterly. It seemed to me that a fire-giver was so obviously a benefactor that the punishment meted him was outright barbarism by which the gods themselves stood convicted. Now I see it differently. Man was not supposed to have fire until he was ready for it, until he had grown in moral stature high enough to use fire as it should be used. Prometheus plucked the secret from the unknown too soon, and man, still cunning and suspicious, burned villages before he learned to cook his food and tempered the sword long before he wrought the plow.—DR RONALD BRIDGES, *Think*.

BOOKS—2

If newspapers used the words of these best-sellers, they would be barred from the mails and their editors sent to jail—and rightly so. If a (citizen) so far forgot himself as to include some passages in a letter, he would very properly be taken before a federal grand jury if the fact became known. But the vilest scenes can be depicted in a book which sells for \$2 or \$3; the critics call it "literature" and nothing is done about it.—CHAS LEE BRYSON, campaigning editorially in *Lion Magazine*, against dirty books.

CIVILIZATION—3

In another hundred yrs civilization will have reached all peoples except those that have no resources worth stealing.—*Arcadia* (Wis) *News-Leader*.

CONVICTION—4

Convictions need not be rigid, upright things like tombstones in a cemetery. They should rather be living, growing, fruitful things like trees in an orchard watered and fertilized by elements rec'd from without, pruned and trained by diligence from within.—E E SILLIMAN, quoted in *Missions*.

DRINK—Drinking—5

Temperance "education" has been unscientific; much of it downright prevarication. . . . Such education has done more harm than good; it made "educators" look ridiculous.

A child, taught in Sunday School that drinking was morally wrong, sinful, physically destructive, went home to observe papa absorb 2 or

3 nightcaps without dropping dead, burning down the house or assaulting mama with the hammer. Thus the conclusion that none of the moral teachings he heard in Sunday School was worth much.

How much more sensible to point out all the evils of alcohol, but add there are people who can handle it without appreciable moral or physical damage. It was this absolutist all-out, be-damned-if-you-don't-agree-with-us attitude that put the temperance cause in bad repute.—ALSON J SMITH, "Where 'Temperance' Fails," *Christian Century*, 8-7-'46.

EDUCATION—6

Thirty yrs ago the old army officers told us that army rules and regulations were merely guides. One old cap't went further. He said, "Listen to me and you will probably learn something. Study the book and you will probably be able to pass an examination."—S J SIMONSEN, *Minneapolis Tribune*.

ERROR—7

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out before the pencil, look out.—*Fremont (Neb) Guide & Tribune*.

EXAMPLE—8

It is interesting to know that in England they found that children who had undergone the horrors of the blitz were not permanently hurt by the shock, as long as their parents remained courageous.—RHODA W BACMEISTER, "Something Called Character," *Parents' Magazine*, 8-'46.

FRIENDSHIP—9

One of the wisest and saddest observations I have ever heard was made by 5-yr-old Mary. She had been living in the country. From the time she was two, a friend from the city had come to spend his summers with her. When Mary came to the city she found herself in a nursery school group with her summer playmate. One day her mother commented on the fact that Mary never spoke of her old friend, never invited him to her house.

"Oh," said the child, "we are not friends any more. . . . He doesn't like me."

"But that can't be possible. You and he have been such good friends for all those summers in the country."

"Oh, well," said Mary, "that was in the country. There were just the

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two of us. When there are two it's easy to be friends. But as soon as there are more than two, it is very difficult."—TERRY SPITALNY, "Shall We Divide Ourselves?" *Child Study*, Summer '46.

They DO say . . .

With the GARSSON case getting hotter, public relations men are quite concerned over fact that GARSSON "fixer" is referred to in newspapers as "public relations counsel." *Public Relations News* pointed out in recent issue that guy was just a plain lobbyist, with nothing on record to show he ever practiced public relations for GARSSON or anyone else. . . . *Bread & Butter*, Consumers Union wkly tells of irate citizen who, comparing June and July food bills, sent his congressman bill for \$18.07 "for the money you picked from my pocket by your vote to sabotage price control." . . . Several newspapers in hay fever area are now printing pollen count (grains per cubic yd of air) as daily feature. . . . Tickets for the LOUIS-CONN bout, originally priced up to \$100, are now being hawked in souvenir shops at 25¢ each. . . . Dep't of Fascinating Facts: A baby crying for an hr uses up enough potential energy to climb to the top of Washington Monument.

GOD—Presence—10

A child, being put to bed, expressed fear of the dark.

"But, darling," remonstrated the mother, "you have God with you all the time."

"Yes, I know," said the child, "but I want somebody with a face."—WM L STIDGER, *Christian Herald*.

HOUSING—Veterans—11

The veteran who assumes that when his jerry-built house starts to fall apart, he can walk out and lose nothing except his payments and the right to buy another home under the GI plan, is making a big mistake.

The holder of the mortgage can get a deficiency judgment against him for the difference between the deflated resale price of the house and the unpaid mortgage. Thousands of veterans will have such debts hanging over them for yrs and yrs.—Mrs SAMUEL I ROSENMAN, "The Racket in Veterans' Housing," *American*, 9-'46.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—12

The way we live at home sets the pattern for the way we live in the world community. Our attitudes toward other peoples and theirs toward us are the 2 faces of the same medallion. In this critical moment, the fate of the world in large part depends on us. Our ultimate strength lies more in our principles and ideals than in our mat'l power. An America cleansing itself of the destructive hatreds rampant today is a tremendously potent force for worldly peace.—ROBERT LOWENSTEIN, "You Do Take It With You," *Common Ground*, Summer '46.

LANGUAGE—Idiom—13

No wonder the tired business man gets that way. Eight hrs a day he plays ball, shoots the works, greases the skids, knocks 'em dead, pushes his line, pulls in his horns, holds his own, hangs on, digs down, coughs up, follows thru, hits hard, goes overboard and cashes in.—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

LAW—Lawyers—14

The law-abiding instinct is so strong in many (murderers) that it is impossible for them to avoid capture. A gentleman in Arizona had almost eluded the police after killing an in-law, but stopped for a red light as he neared the state line. He was astonished later when asked why he had stopped.

"Why," he replied, "it's against the law to go thru a red light."—MYRICK LAND, "Murder: The Amateur's Crime," *Cosmopolitan*, 7-'46.

MANKIND—15

Those who collect the significant documents of our age should not overlook the form on which Jan Masaryk, the famous Czech leader, applied for permission to enter the United States of America. In the space opposite "Race" he wrote "Human."—*Everywoman*.

OPEN MINDEDNESS—16

People talk about having an open mind. I believe in having an open window too, but I want a screen in it to keep the bugs out.—DR WM WORD AYER, *Baptist Message*.

ORIGIN—Chic—17

The word chic, denoting superficial smartness, dates from the reign of Louis XIV, when it referred to lawyers who were masters of "chicane" or legal trickery.—*Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.



This wk, by mutual arrangement, officials of various property owners organizations thruout the U S bombarded Pres TRUMAN with telegrams pointing out that owner of rental property has become the "forgotten man" in current economic picture.

Candid review of situation forces conviction that landlord has been given something of a raw deal. His rental rates remain frozen at '41 level, while taxes and all maintenance costs have soared yr by yr.

In late July OPA and FHA in joint action did raise ceilings on new construction in effort to "encourage rental housing." This, of course, was no help to property owners who have been taking rap for yrs. And it was of minor importance anyway since almost no one is bldg rental houses now.

Almost everybody in Washington seems to agree that landlord is entitled to more money. But no one will take the initiative to get it for him. Even the Senate in recent revision of OPA bill dodged the issue. It's a pretty safe bet that no rent increase will be permitted until after fall elections.

Porter, of OPA talks privately of 10% rent increase late this yr. But some conservatives think it will be held to 5%, with possible add'l 5% in the spring. This will not offset 30% increase in taxes, doubled coal bills and stratospheric janitor rates. But landlords say, a bit wistfully, that it surely will help.

As to OPA evasions: Certainly, there are some, as everyone knows. But these violations are pretty well confined to small operators, with only a few units to rent. They sometimes take chances and get by because tenants fear eviction if they report extortion. Some tenants, too, appreciate landlord's difficulties, voluntarily pay increased rent. But the big investors are stuck.

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APPLIANCES: Pressmaster, new type iron presses slacks, trousers, ties, pleats, hems, lapels. Heats in 3 min's, utilizes latent moisture in all materials; no wet cloth required. No scorch, shine. Approx size of military hair brush. Operates on AC or DC. Lifetime guarantee. \$4.95. (Sales Mgt)

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COMMUNICATION: Voice dialing—speaking into telephone and setting up electrical impulses which do dialing—is promised for future telephone installations. (Business Wk)

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FOOD—PRESERVATION: New storage bin for kitchen of tomorrow features special lighting installation that ripens fruit and vegetables quickly. (Des Moines Register)

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GADGETS: New pruning shears, driven by water power from garden hose, will eliminate hand calluses. (This Wk)

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HOME APPLIANCES: New garden sprinkler, product Rain Bird Sprinkler Mfg Co, Glendora, Calif, may be set to sprinkle squares, rectangles, any combination angles and curves to keep water off patios, trees, bldgs, etc. (Hardware Age)

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INVENTIONS: Miniature generator, which operates by squeezing and releasing a trigger, is the secret of new flashlights without batteries. (Grit)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: To measure the effect of projectiles on armor plate, German scientists developed a high speed spark type camera capable of taking 24 pictures on a glass plate at rate of 500,000 frames per sec. (Iron Age)

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PLASTICS: New transparent sheets of shatterproof plastic will reduce glass breakage bills. Sheets, patterned, will be suitable for office partitions, front doors, skylights, washroom windows, etc. (Hartford Courant)

ORIGIN—The Ghost Walks—18

The phrase, "the ghost walks" meaning that salaries are being paid, was originally theatrical slang. It supposedly began among a troupe of English actors rehearsing *Hamlet*. Mbrs had not been paid for several wks. When the actor playing Hamlet said of the ghost, "Perchance 'twill walk again," the one taking the ghost role replied, "No, I'm damned if the ghost walks until our salaries are paid!"—GEO STIMPSON, *A Book About A Thousand Things*. (Harper)

PHILOSOPHY—19

Aristippus, witty pupil of Socrates, went to the Emperor Dionysius and asked for some money.

"What! You want money, Aristippus?" exclaimed the sovereign. "Why, you philosophers have always taught that a wise man never wants anything."

"Never mind talking about philosophy now," rejoined Aristippus. "You let me have the money and we will talk about philosophy afterwards."

"Very well, here it is," said Dionysius, handing him 50 drachmas.

"All right," said Aristippus, as he counted the money. "Now, you see, I don't want anything. Good morning, Dionysius."—*Christian Science Monitor*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—20

Men still die with their boots on—but usually one boot is on the accelerator.—*Alexander Animator*, hm, Alexander Film Co.

SELF—Interest—21

An ancient prayer has been found by an English librarian. "O Lord, thou knowest I have mine estates in the City of London and that I have likewise lately purchased an estate in the county of Essex. I beseech thee to preserve the 2 counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake, and as I have a mortgage in Herefordshire I beg thee to have an eye of compassion upon that county. For the rest of the counties, thou mayest deal with them as thou art pleased."—THOS H WARNER, *Church Mgt*.

SIN—22

The last public reference to sin that we can recall off-hand was Pres Coolidge's remark that his minister had preached on sin and was against it. In these new times sin

is known by nicer names, such as delinquency, impropriety, indecorum, indiscretion, irregularity, laxity, and moral turpitude.—*N Y Times Magazine*.

SPEECH—Speaking—23

People used to listen to me with open mouths, which seemed to me a tribute . . . until I noticed that their eyes had a tendency to close at the same time.—PARKE CUMMINGS, "Forget it," *Cosmopolitan*, 8-'46.

The Turning Back

I am tired of saying I am tired,
I am fed up with my hopelessness,

I am weary of telling the world
The world's in a mess.

There are still some fine things
abiding,

The sound round boring things
that endure,

Dull as they are, they stay
through the years

To comfort and cure.

The sun, that symbol of constancy,
Whatever the seeming, does not
set;

Neither Truth nor the strong
hand of Love

Have betrayed me yet.

Crumble, corrupt, despoil what
you may,
Inviolate the virtues remain.
People have said this before, but
still

I say it again.

—V G, in *Punch* (London). 24

STRATEGY—25

Director Rouben Mamoulian (devised) a method to keep young Butch Jenkins, child actor, out of mischief between scenes. . .

Mamoulian had a white canvas chair fashioned, a miniature of one used by himself. On the back, in bright red letters, were the words: "Butch Jenkins, star." Butch would not budge from that seat of honor.—*A P Dispatch*.

VIEWPOINT—26

. . . I have always thought that the ocean was a mistake and that God should have fired the angel who made it. It has kept the world apart too long, and it is too wet anyway and a waste of space.—WM ALLEN WHITE, *The Autobiography of Wm Allen White*. (Macmillan)

Must Destruction Be Our Destiny?

In Sept '45 three groups of scientists met independently at the major atomic-bomb laboratories (Univ of Chicago, Los Alamos, Oak Ridge). They met because they were frightened—frightened by the trend of our foreign policy, and by the potentialities of the force they had released on an uncomprehending world. Each group, without recourse to the others, came to the same conclusion: The use and manufacture of atomic bombs must be controlled by a world authority if the peoples of this earth are to avoid their own destruction.

Dr HARRISON BROWN, one of the young scientists engaged on the Manhattan Project, has now written a calm, reasoned analysis of the scientific position, *Must Destruction Be Our Destiny?* (Simon & Schuster, \$2). Probably it will not cause wide discussion. Its sale may be restricted to a scholarly few. But it may well prove to be the most important book published in the Year One of the Atomic Age.

We do not possess any fundamental secrets concerning the atomic bomb. The principles of energy release have been common property of world scientists since '40. The only remaining information that might aid another nation consists of technical and engineering details, of processes, plants and devices, all of which are subject to quick development by any group of reasonably competent investigators.

Thus, we see that any belief in the possibility of keeping the technical details of the atomic-bomb production to ourselves would be unwarranted. Other nations will certainly develop the bomb, as we have done, even tho we give out no more information than we have released. The question is when they might develop it to the point where they can begin production in quantity. The most that could be gained by a policy of continued secrecy would be a little time, but even that small gain is by no means assured.

The U S developments were the result of the efforts of hundreds of scientists and engineers, of a large part of the research facilities of many universities, of the combined efforts of several of our larger industrial concerns, and of a total monetary outlay of \$2 billion. . . . We are tempted to believe that only in the U S could such a development have been successful. However, it would be misleading to set this up as a gauge of the effort that might be req'd of some other nation.

The greatest single secret concerning the atomic bomb—the question as to whether or not it would work—was no longer a secret after Aug 6, '45. If we had known definitely in '42 that the bomb could be made and would be successful, our work would have progressed at an even faster pace. . . . Now, how-

Under no circumstances should we, at the present time, count on there being any specific defense against the atomic bomb. There is no immediate prospect of our being able to prevent, by remote control, the explosion of an atomic bomb.

ever, another nation, in pursuing similar work, will have the advantage of the certainty of ultimate success.

In addition to their having proof that atomic bombs will work, all nations know of the existence of 4 processes for making the necessary ingredients, all of which processes have been in operation. The U S developed all these processes, because of the fundamental uncertainty inherent in all of them during the critical days of development and construction. . . . At present, it is possible for another nation to choose from our 4 processes and to concentrate in one direction. The effort that it need expend . . . would probably not exceed one-third our own.

We have all heard such expressions as "American know-how" and "American ingenuity" and statements to the effect that these qualities were the fundamental factors in the success of the atomic bomb. There is danger of adding to that list the expressions "American egotism" and "American blindness" simply by resting on our laurels because of a false sense of security. With the war over, other nations can and will concentrate as much technical and industrial effort as they may need on the development of atomic-bomb plants on a large scale and in a short time. We must realize that other nations have the brains, the ingenuity, and the industrial capacity to accomplish the task.



The Future of
Human Life

H G WELLS

HENRY GEO WELLS, the British author, died this wk in London, some 6 wks short of his 80th birthday. A draper's apprentice at 15, WELLS became not only a distinguished man of letters with 70 vol's to his credit, but also a scientist and social critic of note. His searching inquiry, *What Are We To Do With Our Lives?* (Doubleday, '31) emphasizes the "Open conspiracy"—"a necessary, naturally evolved conspiracy to adjust our dislocated world." WELLS died in troubled times. But he saw a vision of Better Days.

And so mankind, ourselves still living, but dispersed and reconstructed again in the future, will recall with affection and understanding the desperate wishes and troubled efforts of our present state.

How far can we anticipate the habitations and ways, the usages and adventures, the mighty employments, the ever increasing knowledge and power of the days to come? No more than a child with its scribbling paper and its box of bricks can picture or model the undertakings of its adult years. Our battle is with cruelties and frustrations, stupid, heavy, and hateful things from which we shall escape at last, less like victors conquering a world than like sleepers awakening from a nightmare in the dawn. From any dream, however dismal and horrible, one can escape by realizing that it is a dream.

The Open Conspiracy is the awakening of mankind from a nightmare, an infantile nightmare, of the struggle for existence and the inevitability of war. A time will come when men will sit with history before them or with some old newspaper before them and ask incredulously, "Was there ever such a world?"

Quote

A girl in Decatur, Ill., tried to maneuver her automobile into a small parking spot. She missed repeatedly, but each time she bumped a car standing in front of her tight target area. Eventually, the man whose auto was taking the pounding started to drive away. But a woman, directing operations from the curb, cried:

"Stop! This is her first experience and I want her to learn."—*A P Dispatch.*

" " " Visiting Maryland to receive an honorary degree, Pres Truman carefully divided his cordiality between 2 Democratic rivals for the Senatorial nomination. Which prompts a young matron we know to remark: "I know just how he felt. It's like having your mother and your mother-in-law to dinner."—*Washington Daily News.*

" " " There was a man who had a grouch and a pretty daughter. The daughter attracted young men. The grouch drove them away.

One afternoon a young man called. Waiting for the daughter on the front porch, he tried to start a conversation.

"Looks like rain, Mr. Brown."

"Tain't goin' to rain," said the father.

There was silence for some time, then the father asked, "What's your name, young man?"

"My name's Jones, Richard Jones. I'm the son of Newton Jones."

"Well, well," said the father, "so you're the son of my old friend, Newt Jones? Um-m-m, well, it *may* rain."—*Good Business.*

Speaking of Speakers . . .

JOHN ANDREW HOLMES

Some speakers have something to say, but others just have to say something.

" " " Unless attached to his brain, a speaker's tongue is likely to skid.

" " " When a speech falls dead on the platform, often the trouble is with its heart.

" " " After a lapse of a yr, many an address could be delivered a 2nd time with nobody any the wiser. This is true also the 1st time.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

GORDON JENKINS

Radio Music Director

A man rushed into a newspaper office and announced, "My name's Auchnutty."

"That so?" said the editor noncommittally. "What about it?"

"What about it?" roared the other. "You've printed in your paper today that I'm dead."

"Um-m-m," mused the editor. "Must be some mistake. We're very sorry."

"Very sorry," mocked Auchnutty. "Say, do you realize what a fix I'd be in if I was one o' those guys that believes everything he reads in the paper?"

Old man Brown made every moment pay on his big farm. One fine haying day he fell into the cistern and his wife, hearing the splash, came running. Poking her head over the rim she yelled, "That you, Arthur?"

"Yup," came the answer. "I just fell in."

"Just hold your hosses!" said his wife. "I'll ring the dinner bell and get the hired men from the field to pull you out."

"What time be it, Mary?" came the gruff voice of her husband.

"Just 11:30."

"No, Mary, don't ring the bell yet. Water's cool and not so bad. I'll just swim around till dinner time."

—*Rotarian.*

The minister had just finished with the wedding ceremony when the groom, a plumber, moved over to him and said in a low whisper, "I'm sorry, parson, I haven't any money, but I can stop your gas meter from registering."—*L & N Employees' Magazine.*

" " " One day I wanted to speak to Rosemary's mother on the telephone but was thwarted by the 5-yr-old herself. "Mommy's in the garden," she said. "No, I can't call her to the phone for you. It's not 3 o'clock yet, and I'm still asleep."—*Parents' Magazine.*

" " " A local school teacher reports to us that all term, one of the little lads in her class recited the Pledge to the Flag every morning with ease, confidence, and reverence, and it wasn't until last wk that she realized he has been under certain misapprehensions about the words of it. She happened to edge over to his vicinity at the opening of one of the final sessions of the class and was startled to hear him start off, "I pledge a legion to my flag and to the republic of Richard Sands, one nation and a vegetable. . ."—*New Yorker.*

